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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: 10/521,784 :

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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE
CONTINUOUSLY OPERATED
PURIFICATION BY DISTILLATION
OF THE METHANOL SOLVENT
USED IN THE COPRODUCT-FREE
SYNTHESIS OF PROPYLENE
OXIDE, WITH THE
METHOXYPROPANOLS AND THE
HIGH BOILERS BEING
SEPARATED OFF
SIMULTANEOUSLY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.